

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Kevin J. Ward Confirmation No.: 8532  
Application No. 09/982,917 Group Art Unit: 3765  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 22, 2007**

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2007 (the Action). The Action states that applicant must provide the assignee's written consent to reissue in accordance with 37 CFR 1.172(a), and that the assignee must establish ownership in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b). Applicant has submitted herewith a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) that establishes ownership in Weavexx Corporation. Applicant has also submitted herewith a consent of assignee under 37 CFR 1.172(a) executed by Weavexx Corporation.<sup>1</sup> As such, Applicant submits that these objections raised in the Action have been obviated, and requests that they be withdrawn.

The Action also states that the reissue declaration filed on September 22, 2004 fails to properly identify at least one error. Applicant has submitted herewith a reissue application declaration executed by Kevin J. Ward, the named inventor under this application, that identifies errors in the underlying patent. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the objection under 35 USC 251 has been addressed, and respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

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<sup>1</sup> The Action erroneously identifies Citicorp North America, Inc. as the current assignee. Citicorp is merely the holder of a security interest in the application and is not the owner. Consequently, no consent is required from Citicorp.

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Inasmuch as the issues raised in the Action have been addressed in full, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be allowed to pass to allowance and issue, which action is respectfully requested.

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